



PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 10, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, from March 10, 2003, to April 10, 2003. Enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of the three designated groups as briefly noted below:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 15-17 drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising a specific amino acid sequence, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- II. Claims 4-12, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, a vector comprising said nucleic acid, a host cell comprising said nucleic acid molecule and a